

8B. HOUSTON FIFA WORLD CUP 2026 TRANSPORTATION SCENARIO PLANNING AND MODELING UPDATE

BACKGROUND

The FIFA World Cup 2026 presents both a major opportunity and a challenge for the H-GAC MPO region as it prepares to host the world's largest sporting event. Effective mobility planning will be essential to ensure the safe and efficient movement of spectators, residents, officials, teams, and the workforce before, during, and after the matches. The presentation in the TAC meeting will provide a status update on current progress.

CURRENT SITUATION

A consultant was selected to begin the study in August 2025. One-on-one meetings have been held with key stakeholders, including the Houston Host Committee, METRO, NRG Stadium, Houston Airport System, the City of Houston, and H-GAC Commute Solutions. A larger stakeholder workshop with more than 40 participants was held on October 2, 2025. The workshop provided an opportunity for different agencies to meet, discuss, and enhance coordination. The base scenario has been identified, major drivers for scenario development have been collected, and H-GAC has developed both weekday and weekend special event models. The next steps are to model the base scenario, refine the scenarios based on stakeholder feedback, run initial scenario models, and provide the findings and recommendations to the stakeholders.

ACTION REQUESTED

Information only.